Representation of visually impaired in Civil Services

1870. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving sufficient representation to the visually impaired persons in Higher Civil Services as per section 33 of "Persons with Disability Act, 1995", and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As provided in Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 three per cent of vacancies in direct recruitment are reserved for persons with disability of which one per cent are reserved for visually impaired persons in the posts including group A and B posts identified suitable for such disability.

(b) Does not arise.

Retirement from service of mentally challenged persons

1871. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons who have been declared as mentally challenged during the service have to retire compulsorily from the service;

(b) if so, the extent to which such declaration fits with retirement;

(c) whether such cases have come up for consideration before the Ministry;

(d) if so, the the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether any provision for compensation in such cases exists; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to

(c) There existed a provision in rule 2 of the Central Civil Services (Medical Examination) Rules, 1957 to retire/terminate a Government servant who was suffering from a physical or mental disability which comes in the way of efficient discharge of his duties. However, this provision has been amended on 19.7.2002 in line with section 47 (i) of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, according to which no establishment shall dispense with an employee who acquires a disability during his service. Various Ministries/Departments have sought advice on the issue and the legal opinion in the matter is that it is permissible to retire disabled persons who are totally unfit to work as per the opinion of Medical Boards.

(d) Data in this regard is not centrally maintained.

(e) and (f) A retired Government servant is entitled to pensionary benefits as per the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972.

Services for visually handicapped

1872. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified/earmarked any particular service for the visually impaired persons for giving them sufficient representation in Civil Services as per Section 33 of "Persons with Disability Act, 1995";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Several jobs/posts have been identified suitable to be held by visually impaired persons details of which have been notified vide Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment's notification No. 16-25/99-NI-I dated 31st May, 2001.

(c) Does not arise.